

TOQUERVILLE CITY COUNCIL
City Council Work Meeting Minutes
July 7th, 2016 - 6:00 p.m.
Held at 212 N. Toquerville Blvd, Toquerville Utah



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Public comments will be taken during the public forum portion of the meeting.

Present: Mayor and Council: Mayor Pro Tem Mark Fahrenkamp, Ty Bringhurst, Keen Ellsworth, Brad Langston; Staff: Lance Gubler, June Jeffery, Dana McKim; Public: Toquerville Royalty-Abbie Elison, Alyssa Hall, Natasha Meehleib; Robbie Elison, Wayne Olsen, Caleen Olsen, Manning Butterworth, and Annette Kleinman. Not in attendance and excused: Councilman Paul Heideman and Mayor LeFevre

A. CALL TO ORDER:

1. Call to Order – Mayor Pro Tem-Mark Fahrenkamp at 6:01 p.m.; Pledge of Allegiance by Ty Bringhurst; Invocation by Keen Ellsworth
2. Disclosures and Declarations of Conflict from Council Members – None
3. Requests for Statements of Belief from Anyone Present - None

B. STAFF REPORT:

1. Blair Gubler – Sewer District – Not Present

2. Lance Gubler – Water / Maintenance: Last month we used 9 million gallons of water, in comparison to last year where only 3 million gallons of water were used. Two large leaks were found and fixed, which would attribute to this increase of water usage. Wayne Olsen notified Gubler there was a 12” water main leak in the area leading to the Westfield’s tank. This line was split down the middle of the hose in a lava rock area. Another leak was found on Peachtree. Both leaks have been fixed.

Hillside/Cotton Gin Project update: They should be doing asphalt next week on Hillside Road and Cotton Gin, and starting construction on Center Street and Westfield Road soon.

Randy Johnson from the City Public Works department will be leaving and will start working at the Water Conservancy District. His last day is 7/10/16. A newly hired employee by the name of Kevin starts tomorrow. JaDee is our water certified employee the city hired a few months ago. Lance stated he is self-motivated and an excellent employee.

In regards to the cemetery, a concerned family member of a deceased person whom is currently in our cemetery called in regards to a question. The deceased relative was buried awhile back and the family never put a headstone on the gravesite. This relative was concerned that the immediate family doesn’t have plans to mark the grave, and wanted to know whose responsibility it was to place headstones on unmarked graves. It was explained to her that the family should be the responsible party and not the town. The cemetery plot is documented with the important information at town hall. The council will have to decide whether or not the City of Toquerville will take on the expense of marking graves when there is nobody responsible to purchase a headstone for those plots. Mr. Gubler did get quotes for two different types of gravesite markers for the older graves that do not have headstones. Mr. Gubler is also awaiting a bid from a company in St. George for the purchase of gravesite markers that are etched in stone. Councilman Langston inquired Gubler about a bench that had been taken apart and asked if the town crew had done this, to which Gubler replied yes. The bench was taken apart because it was interfering with the sprinklers from effectively watering the grass in the area. Langston also notified Gubler of some vandalism in Section D, in the south end area. Gubler will investigate more on that issue. A headstone will need to be moved slightly due to a bench that was placed on the Heideman plot.

3. Mike Vercimak – Zoning Administrator – Not Present

4. Mike Ruesch – Planning Commission Chairman – Not Present
5. John Postert – Building Official – Not Present
6. Karl Rasmussen – City Engineer – Not Present

C. PRESENTATIONS:

1. Introduce Toquerville Royalty Court

Miss. Toquerville, Abbie Elison; 1st Attendant, Alyssa Hall; 2nd Attendant, Natasha Meehleib introduced themselves to the councilmembers and public. Miss. Congeniality was unable to attend. Miss. Elison reported that they attended the City of Toquerville 4th of July breakfast and helped the councilmembers serve breakfast to all that attended. The next big appearance will be at the Washington County Fair where they will be judging artwork. They also have plans to make other appearances including Hurricane Peach Days.

D. BUSINESS:

1. Review of City Basketball Court Modification to Turn into Pickleball Courts: Mark Fahrenkamp is in charge of this project. Lance Gubler found a less expensive option for the pickleball nets. The original plan was for portable nets and the plan has changed to install permanent nets which are less expensive. Wayne Olsen inquired about this project stating that he may get some barely used, practically brand new pickleball nets within the next week or so. If he does obtain them, he is willing to donate them to the City for this project.
2. Discussion and Review Modification of Grandfathering Existing Duplexes (non-conforming residences): Councilmember Ellsworth has submitted a proposed draft to the Planning Commission in regards to this matter. There has been no official decision, but in his opinion, the Planning Commission is leaning towards the direction that there should be no illegal multiple residences on a single plot. They are recommending not allowing any non-conformed uses with this item. Ellsworth would like to provide two options of resolution to parties involved in this circumstance. Citizens are either told that this is not allowed and homeowners will have to quit being non-conforming, or direct citizens to apply for a permit on non-conforming usage. The council will then decide how they will enforce the regulations in the future. Bringhurst said that we can no longer turn a blind eye on this issue because we are being charged for sewer fees. The planning commission may come back with some new ideas, so the council will wait to hear back from them. June Jeffery thought that it may be a benefit to require citizens with multiple dwelling locations pay for water hook-ups and pay the impact fee. Mr. Gubler has concerns that some citizens know that they are violating the regulations and are breaking the rules anyways, and have done so for years because this issue has never been enforced or addressed. Councilmember Ellsworth voiced the importance of acknowledging the past history and move forward from this point on.
3. Discussion and Review Ball Park Fee Waiver and Costs for Local Leagues: Councilmember Mark Fahrenkamp and June Jeffery came up with a new fee schedule for next year. The new fee would be \$15.00 per team per game. Unfortunately they will be unable to modify this year's season but it will be implemented for next year.
4. Discussion and Review of Cemetery Code / Policy: Councilmember Brad Langston received Attorney Snow's examples he provided from other towns in regards to their cemetery regulations. Langston thought the boarder of concrete around a headstone should be 6 inches, but strongly disagrees with a 12 inch boarder. He also stated that he doesn't think that existing gravesites should be required to modify their plots for this allowance, but to activate this criteria for future headstones. Councilmember Bringhurst agreed to an 8 inch boarder if not larger for the ease of the city crew to maintain the cemetery with lawn equipment. Lance Gubler had a concern that there are headstones at the cemetery that are deteriorating, especially the ones engraved with sandstone. Between weed eating and the natural elements they need attention. Langston didn't want the existing plots to be forced to conform to new ordinances. Mark Fahrenkamp didn't believe they

would make existing lots to conform to new changes. Langston would like language added to cemetery ordinances to include clarification of "candy canes" aka "plant hangers" usage. June Jeffery would like a new ordinance added to the Cemetery Code in regards to charging for "time payments" on cemetery plots. The City has exercised a policy adopted from the Utah Cities and Leagues but it has never been adopted as an official ordinance. Attorney Snow will be advised to draft an ordinance.

5. Discussion and Review and Possible Approval of Holiday Park Reservations: This resolution would preclude anyone from reserving the park for a holiday. It's a public area that everyone should enjoy and it becomes an issue for staff to work on a holiday. It will be reflected in the fee schedule as well as in a resolution.
6. Discussion and Review of Toquerville Entrance Sign- Councilmember Keen Ellsworth is leading this project. The first sign, per the Governor's office recommended that the sign to be at the location where the most people are coming in and out of Toquerville. Location placement would be beneficial if it is visible from the freeway from either direction. More discussion in the future on this item is needed.
7. Discussion on WCWCD Water Purchase Agreement: Lance Gubler summarizing that this agreement is with the Washington County Water Conservancy District to pay us for whatever we are not using and getting 50% of what they charge for both culinary and municipal water not used. This is a negotiation process that will be offered to WCWCD. Toquerville will get paid for what we are not using which we are not receiving any money as of this time from those water rights. There are three different grades of water and our water is classified as municipal water. Monitoring this water is essential to this agreement and there is now a meter installed at the cemetery and at the park.
8. Discussion to the Improvements on Frontage Road: Lance Gubler reporting that rock and oil has been ordered. Daren Cottam contacted Lance and he has given us an estimate of \$10-\$15,000.00 to prep for the top coat and for curb and gutter. This job would be prior to the county doing their project.

E. COUNCIL REPORTS AND CITY DEPARTMENTS:

1. Ty Bringhurst – Water Department/Streets/MPO/Emergency Preparedness/Safety Committee: Lake Powell pipeline has been a huge topic with several meetings. There have been several finance-debated issues. When the compact was made, Nevada didn't want any water in the basin originally but California and Arizona let them back into this agreement. We are required to give Nevada 7.5 million gallons of water, we have 8.9 delivered, and they use 9.6 million gallons consistently. Nevada is in opposition of this pipeline project to proceed because they won't have that excess water to use. Our water turns have been regulated more closely for violations. This is why if you see your neighbors using water outside the restriction times please remind them kindly we are in a current water usage restriction. Gubler stated the town has been looking more closely at water violations as well.
2. Keen Ellsworth - Economic Development/Subdivisions/Planning Commission Oversight/Mosquito Abatement: Nothing to report.
3. Mark Fahrenkamp - Park Maintenance/Park Committee/Risk Management/Trails Committee: Nothing to report.
4. Paul Heideman - Sewer District/Culture and Recreation/Confluence Park: Nothing to report.
5. Brad Langston – Solid Waste/Tree Board/Cemetery/City Hall Maintenance/Beautification Committee: Councilman Langston notified Lance Gubler of some cemetery issues. In section B

there is an Arizona Ash suffering from iron issues. There are some Italian Cypress trees that can be trimmed, and after a few years they will look better and won't impede in the sprinkler system. The Tree City Grant has been approved for an extension.


F. REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEMS (for Future Meetings)

1. Requested Agenda items to be heard at July 14, 2016 regular City Council Meeting:
 - i. Discussion and Possible Approval of Fee Schedule
 - ii. Discussion of Utah retirement system for Toquerville City Employees
 - iii. Discussion of Tree City Grant
 - iv. Discussion and Possible Approval for Pickleball Project – dollar amount what will be spent for eagle project and the two sets of nets
2. July 14, 2016 Regular Meeting Consent Agenda Items:
 - i. Review and approval CC work Meeting Minutes for June 9, 2016
 - ii. Review and approval for Special Meeting Minutes of June 30, 2016
 - iii. Review and approval of June City Expenditures
 - iv. Requested agenda items (if any) to be heard at June 27 Planning Commission Meeting

G. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned by Mayor Pro Temp, Mark Fahrenkamp at 7:05 p.m.


Mayor – M. Darrin LeFevre


Attest: Dana M. McKim - City Recorder



8-11-2016
Date